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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING ACID GASES  
FROM PRESSURIZED NATURAL GAS  
THAT IS CONTAMINATED WITH ACID  
GAS COMPOUNDS AND RECOVERING  
THE REMOVED ACID GASES AT AN  
INCREASED PRESSURE LEVEL

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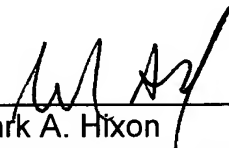
As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

Patent document DE 197 53 903 A is cited on page 1 in the specification of the present application, which also serves as a statement of relevance for the non-English reference. Patent documents EP 0 968 748 A, 6,001,153 B1, and 6,139,605 B1, as well as DE 197 53 903 A, are all cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report, which is in the English language and serves as a statement of relevance for any non-English references above, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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